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RESOLUTIONS CARRIED

Galt, July 25.—A delegation of over a hundred solid men representing the leading municipalities of Western Ontario, met here yesterday over the Niagara power question. Delegates were present from Toronto, Hamilton, Georgetown, St. George, Preston, Hespeler, Guelph, Berlin, Waterloo, Baden, Stratford, St. Mary's, Paris, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Tilsonburg, London, St. Thomas, Elmhurst, Strathroy and Bothwell.

After listening to a raking discussion on the whole situation, including the working of the new Power Act, which was explained by Hon. Mr. Beck, and a review of objections and criticisms of the hydro-electric power commission's report, from Cecil B. Smith, another member of the commission, the assembly decided upon a permanent organization, and appointed the following gentlemen as an executive committee:

The Executive Committee,
Ald. J. H. Fryer, president Galt Board of Trade; Mayor Coatsworth, Toronto; Ald. J. W. Lyon, president Galt Board of Trade; Ald. R. F. Matthews, London; Ald. D. B. Deweller, president Berlin Board of Trade; Ald. D. Woods, president Brantford Board of Trade; Mayor Clare, Preston; Mayor Bechtel, Woodstock.

At a subsequent meeting of the executive the following officers were elected: President, J. H. Fryer; vice-president, R. F. Matthews; secretary, treasurer, J. W. Lyons.

Begin Work At Once.
At the close of the general meeting the newly elected executive instructed the secretary to secure from the power commission pro forma contracts for users of power and municipalities to sign, showing the amount of power to be used. Also that a synopsis report of the meeting, with blanks enclosed, asking all reachable municipalities to become members of the union be mailed to them as soon as possible, enclosing a copy of a resolution for them to pass, and asking whether they would take power at once or not.

Resolutions Passed.
These resolutions were adopted by the general meeting:
Resolved—That the municipalities here represented, and such others as may wish to join, desiring to co-operate in gathering of proper information regarding Niagara power, with the object of attaining cheap power from that source, through the power bill, do form an association for that purpose.

That this association be known as "The Western Ontario Municipalities Power Union."
The object of this union is to secure the co-operation of the different municipalities interested in obtaining the purchase and transmission of electric power through the hydro-electric power commission, as provided in the act to provide for the transmission of electrical power to municipalities.

Resolved—That the municipalities here represented, desire to co-operate in order to avail themselves of the benefits of the act passed at the last session of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, being an act to provide for the purchase and transmission of electrical power to municipalities, and for that purpose, be it resolved that each municipality here represented, and such others as may join, do furnish to the executive committee, as soon as possible, an estimate of the amount of power it will require under the act, or will use for public lighting, heating and power purposes, and also for manufacturing and other purposes, and that the executive committee be authorized to take all necessary steps to procure from the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario estimates of the various items of cost and other particulars under section 9 of the act, and to lay before the municipal councils full information as to same, so as to enable the councils to submit to their electors, bylaws, to authorize them to enter into contracts with the commission for the transmission of electrical power in terms of the act.

A Sailor Beheaded.
Montreal, July 25.—An exceptionally gruesome fatality took place yesterday morning on the Lachine Canal at Cote St. Paul locks, when a sailor named Richer lost his life. He worked on a canal barge, and while it was being locked through he extended his head down between the side of the barge and the stone wall of the lock. The barge gave a lurch, and before his head was withdrawn it was caught, crushed flat, and then ripped from the trunk.

Oil Warehouse Burnt.
Marquette, July 25.—Fire yesterday completely destroyed the oil warehouse of the Franco-American Oil Co. here. Six persons were more or less injured. The loss was heavy.

Life Lost In Fire.
Victoria, B. C., July 25.—Five buildings were burned yesterday, at Vanand, a 2-year-old child losing its life. The postoffice, sawmill, and other large buildings narrowly escaped.

For Improved Mail Service.
Montreal, July 25.—Hon. R. Lemieux will to-day interview members of the export trade in this city relative to the need for a second weekly mail to and from Canada.

GIBLITSKIES STOLE FURS AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

Brooklyn Streets Were Crowded With People when Thieves made off with the Goods—One Man Implicated Commits Suicide.

The fur stealing affair, which has caused so much excitement and interest during the past few days, is becoming even more so as the case develops. The suicide of a man, named St. John, of Montreal, who received \$2,200 worth of ermine and \$3,500 worth of mink skins from the parties here, has shown there are more people mixed up in the deal than was first made generally known. The police are still working on the case and it is expected that the further developments will be very interesting.

The authorities suspected St. John but they had no case against him, although it is thought that the developments will include him among the guilty ones. The goods were shipped to him on the 12th of July last.

The particulars in the stealing show that the theft was made in Brooklyn at ten o'clock in the evening. The thieves, drove up to the warehouse in an empty wagon, and after opening up the store they turned on the lights and carried the goods out the front door and placed them in the wagon. In the meantime the street was crowded with people walking to and fro past the store. The nerve of the thieves was almost past comprehension and shows how easily these thefts can be made even in the most carefully guarded cities, if the principals have the nerve to carry out their daring designs.

A woman standing on the opposite side of the street saw the men enter the store, and supposed they were employees taking the goods out for shipment. She was partly correct. The goods were taken out for shipment, but the men were not employees.

How these culprits succeeded in getting the goods out of Brooklyn and over the border is a mystery which can only be revealed by themselves. The idea of taking them to Wallaceburg was a carefully devised scheme to avoid suspicion. One surprising circumstance in connection with the case is the publicity the men gave to the fact that they were in possession of so many valuable furs. Sammy Kovinski, who was drawn into the affair before the goods arrived in Chatham, tried, with the other men, to sell the furs right in the city, but they cunningly refused to allow their prospective buyers to see any of the samples.

It is supposed in some quarters that the men got on to the fact that the police were watching them and intended to move out of Wallaceburg. The police got wind of their connection with the robbery before they were ready to move out, and wishing to catch the men with the goods on them, were waiting until they exhibited the furs to a dealer and then made the arrests. These men may have suspected this, and the play of continually offering to bring in samples may have been used to keep the police working while they moved out and were gone.

The local police were too sharp for them, however, and when the samples did not come they decided to arrest Kovinski and then search the barns in the city where they had reason to suppose the goods still were. A search of the barns revealed nothing and the searches were at sea until a Chatham policeman through a clever piece of detective work learned by himself that the goods were in Wallaceburg. They then acted promptly, boarded an electric car and the rest was easy.

It is surprising to learn that many people on King street knew that Kovinski and his three mysterious companions had a large number of furs to sell and many suspected something was crooked in the deal. This has been going on for a number of weeks. They never told, however, where the furs were. It has been found out that the furs were carried to Wallaceburg one night by Kovinski.

The elder Gblitski is a Polish Jew born in Poland. His sons and partners in crime, Simeon and Samuel, are 17 and 16 years old respectively. They were born in England. On all hands are heard words of praise for the Chatham police force. They struck at the right time and did their work in an excellent manner.

Gblitski is said to be one of the best tanners in America, and both of his sons are also expert workmen, and just before the robbery were earning \$35 a week apiece, tanning furs.

Montreal, July 24.—The body of Marcus St. John, 33 years old, was found in his office in the Temple building on St. James street this afternoon, the man having committed suicide by taking poison and acid.

Chief Carpenter received a telegram yesterday from Chatham, Ont., regarding a consignment of furs that had been shipped to St. John at the Temple building. This morning Chief Carpenter received a second telegram in regard to the same matter, asking him to arrest a man named Santoli. He did so, and Chief Carpenter thinks St. John must have heard of the arrest and at once gone to the office and committed suicide. There was, however, no charge against St. John.

Chatham, Ont., July 25, 1906.
To the Editor of The Planet:
City:

Dear Sir,—A number of false reports have been going around the city in regard to my brother's death. I might say that these reports are false. The jury empanelled at Harrow, Ont., exonerated the Blonde Lumber Company from any blame whatever, as the death was entirely accidental. I went over the ground where the accident occurred thoroughly, and examined everything in connection with the derick and find that no blame can be attached to anyone.

I might say that the reports in regard to the insurance are entirely untrue, as there will be no trouble in settling the claims, which will be paid immediately.

The reports going around the city in connection with the Blonde Lumber Company are also false. No one in the family for a moment thought of looking to the Blonde Company for damages. My brother was very particular for his own safety, and for the safety of others working with him, and he would not work under a derick knowing that it was unsafe.

Hoping this will settle all reports which were thoughtlessly given out, and thanking you for your valuable space, I remain,
Very truly yours,
D. A. GRANT.

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\$9.00 for the round trip, from Buffalo, good for 15 days, with a choice of six trains. Take the afternoon train in Chatham and you can reach New York the following morning. For further particulars address A. Leadley, Canadian Agent, 75 Yonge St., Toronto, for time table and other descriptive matter.

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The Defiance Iron Works
Is Amalgamated With a
Toronto Firm

TO EXPAND LOCAL PLANT

A business deal has just been closed in Chatham which will mean as much benefit to the city in the way of employment of labor, as the securing of two new industries. Through this deal, one of Chatham's newest and most prosperous industries will be expanded to an enormous extent, being amalgamated with another concern, the total capital of the new company to be half a million dollars.

The industry referred to is the Defiance Iron Works, which has been amalgamated with the Toronto Gas & Gasoline Engine Company, of Toronto. The deal was closed by Mayor Marshall, of the Defiance Company, and J. L. Laseley, and D. F. McKinnon, of the Toronto firm.

It is generally believed that the Defiance Company have the best marine gasoline engine in Canada, and the other people have one of the finest makes of stationary gas engines. They have the largest gas engine plants in Canada, and do a very big business.

It is the intention to erect more buildings in Chatham, and to do all the foundry work for both factories here. It will mean that the company will have to employ about 150 hands in this city.

It is the intention of the new company to go largely into the manufacture of gas producers after an English pattern. The Toronto firm has been manufacturing these for some time and they find a great demand and a good profit. This will be the special feature of the company's output.

The new company has been formed under the name of the Toronto and Chatham Gas Power Co., Limited.

On Saturday the boards of directors of both companies were in conference and it was decided that the amalgamation should date from August 1st, the deal to be made on that day.

A wise move on the part of the directors was the resolution that each factory should handle its own local trade. This will avoid any loss of popularity and trade to either firm consequent upon a complete absorption.

ARE NOW AT REST

The Remains of Deceased Residents
Taken to Their Last Resting
Place

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, of Edward C. Stover, aged seven years, only son of Bessie and Richard Stover, of Tupperville. The deceased passed away at his grandparents' residence on Taylor avenue. Interment was made at the Maple Leaf Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Lucy Montague, who died at her home on Richmond St., last Sunday, aged 62 years, took place this afternoon at the Maple Leaf Cemetery. There was a large following.

At 3.30 this afternoon the funeral of Ella Theresa Gambia, who died at her mother's residence, William St., Monday morning, took place to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. The deceased was 24 years of age at the time of her death, and was very popular in the city.

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